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In re Application of: ) Group Art Unit: 2645  
SIMPSON et al. ) Examiner: Hoosain, A.  
Appln. No.: 08/948,328 )  
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Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action dated April 20, 2001 (Paper No. 21), please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Claims 1-27 are currently pending and stand rejected by the Examiner. No new matter has been added.

§ 112 rejection

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite because there was allegedly insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation "the mail system." Applicants respectfully note that claim 8 depends on claim 7, which recites "a mail system" at line 2 and therefore provides sufficient antecedent basis for "the mail system" at lines 13-14 of